

### REMARKS

Amended claim 7 includes the subject matter of claims 11 and 12, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if placed in such form. Accordingly, allowance of claim 7 as now amended is believed proper and action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 10 and 16 remain in the application dependent from claim 7 and thus are believed to be allowable.

Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled since the subject matter thereof is included in claim 7.

The allowance of claims 13, 14, 15 and 17 is noted and appreciated.

In view of the above amendments to the claims placing the same in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner, it is believed that no further discussion of the cited Kazmar (5,239,518), Osborn (6,643,222), or Kompanek (4,651,044) patents is believed necessary.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims have now been placed in condition for allowance and action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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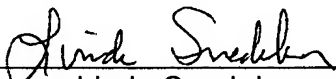
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